Employment of retired Government Officials in Regulatory Authorities

1001. SHRI R.R GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Regulatory Authorities, created by Government, are manned by retired Government officials;

(b) the details of Regulatory Authorities and the retired Government officials employed with them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that employment of retired Government officials on these Regulatory Authorities, which are expected to be independent, makes them merely an arm of Government; and

(d) the details of the mechanism provided or internal stipulation made, while appointing retired Government officials to these Authorities, to ensure objectivity in deliberations of the Authority to lend credibility to their recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Regulatory Authorities are created as provided in the relevant Acts. The details of appointment to various regulatory authorities are maintained by the concerned administrative Ministries and such details are not centrally maintained. The appointments are made in accordance with the provisions contained in relevant Acts.

Right to Information Bill

† 1002. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had brought a Bill in the recent past in the Parliament with regard to provide right to information to the common man of the country;

(b) if so, when this Bill was presented in the House; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.